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STATE OF LOUISIANA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
VERMILION PARISH POLICE JURY/  
VERMILION PARISH SOLID WASTE PLANT

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Vermilion Parish Police Jury

100 N. State Street  
Abbeville, La.

PUBLIC HEARING  
AND  
REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON

A TECHNICALLY COMPLETE SOLID WASTE PERMIT MODIFICATION  
AND THE ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STATEMENT  
FOR VERMILION PARISH POLICE JURY/ VERMILION PARISH  
SOLID WASTE PLANT

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Pursuant to Notice, the above-entitled matter came on  
before Public Hearing on July 19, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at  
Vermilion Parish Police Jury, 2nd. floor, 100 N. State  
Street Abbeville, Louisiana before Roger Moore, Hearing  
Officer. Reported by Nicole Poirrier.  
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HEARING OFFICER:

Good evening, Iet the record reflect that the  
time is 6:05 p.m. My name is Roger Moore, and I am  
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5 employed with the Louisiana Department of  
6 Environmental Quality. I will be serving as the  
7 hearing officer this evening, Thursday, July 19,  
8 2007.

9 This hearing is scheduled to accept public  
10 comments concerning the Technically Complete Solid  
11 Waste Permit Modification Application and the  
12 associated Environmental Assessment Statement for the  
13 Vermilion Parish Police Jury, Vermilion Parish Solid  
14 Waste Plant, Meaux, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana,  
15 Agency Interest number 148, permit number P-0030, and  
16 Activity Tracking Number PER 20040001. The site is  
17 located at Highway 696, Meaux, Vermilion Parish, LA.

18 Vermilion Parish Police Jury requested a solid  
19 waste permit modification to expand the existing  
20 Subtitle D cell airspace by lining the side slopes  
21 above grade to an increase in the overall height of  
22 the landfill. By lining the side slopes of the  
23 existing cell, the facility is maximizing the  
24 existing permitted Subtitle D acreage.

25 The Environmental Assessment Statement

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1 submitted by the applicant addresses avoidances of  
2 potential and real environmental effects, balancing  
3 of social and economic benefits against environmental  
4 impact costs, and alternate sites, projects, and  
5 mitigative measures.

6 This hearing is not being conducted in a  
7 question and answer format. Please remember that the  
8 purpose of this public hearing is for DEQ to receive  
9 your comments concerning the Technically Complete

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Solid Waste Permit Modification Application, the associated Environmental Assessment Statement.

This hearing is to provide all individuals a chance to be heard regardless of their position on the Technically Complete Solid Waste Permit Modification Application and the Associated Environmental Assessment Statement.

Courteous behavior is expected of everyone at all times. You may be seeking support of the permit, in opposition to the permit, or simply to provide additional information. All persons, all interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to comment unless testimony is not related to the purpose of the hearing. Your comments will be evaluated and addressed in the Department's written response.

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A public notice advertising this public

and request for public comments on the Technically Complete Solid Waste Permit Modification Application and the Associated Environmental Assessment Statement, was published in the Baton Rouge Advocate and the Abbeville Meridional newspapers on Thursday, June 28th, 2007. A copy of the Technically Complete Solid Waste Permit Modification Application and the associated Environmental Assessment Statement is available for inspection and review at the LDEQ Public Records Center, Room 127, 602 North 5th Street, Baton Rouge, LA. Viewing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

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Additional copies also are available for review in the Vermilion Parish Library - Headquarters located at 405 East St. Victor, Abbeville, LA 70511, Vermilion Parish Police Jury, 100 North State Street, Suite 200, Abbeville, LA 70510, and the LDEQ, Acadiana Regional Office, 111 New Center Drive, Lafayette, LA 70508.

In addition, copies of the public notice were mailed to individuals who had requested to be placed on the mailing list maintained by the LDEQ Office of Environmental Services on June 27th, 2007.

In accordance with the Louisiana

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Code, Title 33, Part VII, Section 509.F.7, comments received by 12:30 p.m., on Monday, August 20th, 2007, will be considered prior to the final decision. All comments received by 12:30 p.m., August 20th, 2007 shall be retained by the department and considered in determining whether to issue or deny the Technically Complete Solid Waste Permit Modification Application and the associated Environmental Assessment Statement.

Written comments on the Technically Complete Solid Waste Permit Modification Application and the Associated Environmental Assessment Statement, may be submitted to Ms. Soumaya Ghosn, LDEQ Office of Environmental Services, Environmental Assistance Division, P.O. Box 4313 Baton Rouge, LA, 70821-4313.

Under LA Revised Statutes 30:2017, as revised by the Legislature in the 2004 session, the department is required to follow the following order

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19 with the provision that the presiding officer may  
20 give preference to a public official to speak at any  
21 time during the hearing. However, any time limit set  
22 for citizen's testimony shall apply to the public  
23 official.

24 The department is required to provide up to 30  
25 minutes to the facility representative for an

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1 introductory presentation. Thereafter, preference  
2 for speaking up to one hour is given as follows:

3 For the first hour, those citizens who live  
4 within a two-mile radius of the location of the  
5 facility; For the second hour, those citizens who  
6 work within a two-mile radius of the location of the  
7 facility; And for the third hour, those citizens who  
8 live within the parish of the location of the  
9 facility.

10 Thereafter, each hour of the hearing shall  
11 alternate between those who are in support of the  
12 Technically Complete Application and associated  
13 Environmental Assessment Statement, and those who are  
14 opposed to the Application.

15 The order of speakers for tonight's hearing  
16 will be based on the information provided by the  
17 speaker on the registration form. Anyone who  
18 registered to speak but did not provide the necessary  
19 information, will be given the opportunity to speak;  
20 however, they will be called last in the order of  
21 registration.

22 This hearing is being transcribed; therefore,  
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23 ask that each speaker<sup>MIK</sup> begin by stating, for the  
24 record, their name, address, and any organization he  
25 or she may represent. I also remind you to please

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1 turn off your cell phones. Thank you.  
2 At this time, I would like to ask the facility  
3 representative to come forward and make their  
4 introductory presentation, if they so desire. Is  
5 anybody from the facility here?  
6 FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE:

7 I have no presentation.

8 HEARING OFFICER:

9 No presentation?

10 FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE:

11 Nah-ah.

12 HEARING OFFICER:

13 Okay. Then I'll move on to the people who  
14 registered to speak.

15 Okay. I'll start with people who have  
indicated

16 that they live within a two-mile radius of the  
17 location of the facility. And the first person I  
18 have is Chad Vice. I need you to state your name and  
19 address for the record.

20 CHAD VICE:

21 Okay. My name is Chad Vice. I live on 9611  
22 Highway 696, Abbeville, LA. We live approximately a  
23 half a mile away from the facility on the south side  
24 of the facility. We're against the proposal of going  
25 up, because of the prevailing winds and stuff in the

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1 north -- in the wintertime being from the north.  
2 We're having terrible odor problems with the  
3 facility.

4 We're having trash that's all over, in our  
5 yards and ditches which the Vermilion Parish solid  
6 waste trucks are flying out behind their trucks.  
7 We're typically against the facility going up. That's  
8 it.

9 HEARING OFFICER:

10 Thank you, Mr. Vice. The next individual who  
11 signed up to speak within a two-mile radius of the  
12 location facility, I believe, is Stephen Thibodeaux.

13 MR. STEPHEN THIBODEAUX:

14 My name's Stephen Thibodeaux. I reside at  
9625  
15 Highway 696, a half mile from the facility on the  
16 south side. On a daily basis, we encounter -- I  
17 travel to and from work is a lot of trucks and  
18 traffic, and there's a lot of garbage that falls all  
19 over the road. Not only is the trash truck, there is  
20 quite a few, but knowingly with -- having to dodge  
21 out of way of a lot of this stuff. Right now there's  
22 insulation all over in my yard, there -- this is a  
23 upon coming from the facility.

24 There's numerous flats that we have, and I can  
25 have my service station attendant attest to it, with

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1 multiple flats on one car continuously from stuff  
2 that's just falling off the trucks.

3 But the biggest part is being able to try to  
4 sleep at night. Whenever they are out burning, and  
5 there's like an overcast coupled with this foul odor.

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6 It just doesn't go away; it permeates to you, gets  
7 into your clothes and everything. You just -- I'll  
8 go into work and people comment and saying I didn't  
9 know you was a smoker. This is the type of odor  
10 we're getting, and it doesn't go away. You wake up  
11 with massive headaches because it's just constantly  
12 there; it just gags you whenever the smell is there.  
13 And on numerous occasions, there was fires, you can  
14 see they're working in a controlled area and when we  
15 called about it they say it's controlled burns.

16 And I just don't know what the right answer  
17 is.

18 Going up higher, I'm opposed to that. Thank you.

19 HEARING OFFICER:

20 Thank you, Mr. Thibodeaux. The next speaker I  
21 have who registered living a two-mile radius of the  
22 location of the facility is Mr. Brandon Arabi. Mr.  
23 Arabi, state your name and your address for the  
24 record, please.

25 BRANDON ARABI:

Okay. My name is Brandon Arabi. I live at

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1 9829 Clapha Road, Abbeville, LA. I -- it's hard to  
2 know where to start. First of all, there's been a  
3 lot of things at the landfill that have gone  
4 unnoticed for so long -- not a lot, but there's at  
5 least three or four things that I can think of right  
6 now that have gone unnoticed for so long. And now  
7 they're being worked on, but the fact that they went  
8 for that long without being addressed causes concern  
9 to myself and a lot of people in the community. Just



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because they're being covered up now and fixed now doesn't take away from the fact that they were a problem to start with.

Myself, I feel like the officials and the people who are in charge of our government and taking care of things that we pay them to take care of should do that without us having to stand behind them and force them into it. Going higher in the existing landfill to me, it's already too high, it seems to me. It's in an area of the parish that there's too many people living close to it already.

The true environmental impacts of this landfill, I don't know if we could ever get a true grasp of what's going on environmentally. It looks like a mountain right now. If we go higher and higher -- in my personal opinion, I think we need to

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do everything possible to close that land site out period. I know that's really hard to swallow for a lot of people in our parish. I mean, it costs a lot of money, too. But maybe that's why things do -- it's affecting a lot of people where it's at.

I know there's a lot of life left in the landfill, there's a lot of use that we can still get out of it. But why try to do something to prolong a bad situation? And it is a bad situation. Anybody that says it's not, maybe they should have a landfill in their backyard, you know. I think if somebody says, well, it's not so bad, well they just haven't been living with it long enough.

I live far enough away to where it doesn't

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15 directly affect me every day, but it does affect me  
16 once a month. Well, that may not be true, because I  
17 drive those roads, and they're terrible. The big  
18 trucks tear them up; we can't seem to get them fixed.  
19 We can have them patched, but we can't have them  
20 fixed. There never seems to be enough money, you  
21 know, the list goes on and on.

22 So this new permit to make it higher, the  
23 slopes and all this stuff, to start with, there was  
24 supposed to be a public hearing, the work was done  
25 before the public hearing was even through, before

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1 the people had a chance to finish saying what they  
2 had to say. The work was already done. If that kind  
3 of stuff goes on while you're not looking, you know,  
4 who's to say that this kind of permit is a good thing  
5 to start with?

6 You know, it just seems to be, in my opinion,  
7 beating around the bush and not getting accomplished  
8 what really needs to be accomplished in the end, you  
9 know. Just because it's the way it is, we shouldn't  
10 just turn our backs and say, well that's just the way  
11 it is; that's just the way Vermilion Parish is. I  
12 don't -- I think we should stand up for what's right  
13 and do what's right, no matter what the cost is. You  
14 know, 20 or 30 years from now, when my children are  
15 old enough, I want them to know that I did -- I tried  
16 to make a difference. You know, I want them to see  
17 that I tried. And I don't want them to look at me  
18 and say, well Daddy didn't do nothing about it, so  
19 I'm not going to do nothing about it, you know. I'm

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glad we're working in the right direction. Having  
21 this meeting is a step in the right direction, and  
22 I'm glad to see it happening. And I hope it  
23 continues in this sort of fashion. Thank you.

24 HEARING OFFICER:

25 Thank you, Mr. Arabi. Is there anybody else

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1 who lives within a two-mile radius of the location of  
2 the facility who hasn't registered who would like to  
3 speak?

4 MS. MICHELLE VICE:

5 I would like to speak. She's bringing in my  
6 paper.

7 HEARING OFFICER:

8 Okay. You live within three miles?

9 MS. MICHELLE VICE:

10 Yes, sir. Definitely.

11 HEARING OFFICER:

12 You can come up to the podium. Would you  
state

13 your name and address for the record, please?

14 MS. MICHELLE VICE:

15 My name is Michelle Vice. I live at 10319 LA  
16 Highway 696. I would gather probably about three-  
17 fourths of a mile away from the plant. We experience  
18 the fowl smell and everything else.

19 But my main concern is the amount of cancer  
20 that has popped up in that area within the last  
21 couple of years. My mother has developed cancer;  
22 there's probably been -- I would say there's probably  
23 been at least 10 people within the last year that  
24 have developed cancer.

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25 I'm concerned about the quality of water.

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1 Everybody talks about the water thing from the aqua  
2 system, whatever. I'm very concerned about that, and  
3 I'm greatly concerned about the cancer. And I just  
4 think within a short amount of time, there's been a  
5 lot of people diagnosed with various types of cancer,  
6 and a lot of breast cancer. And I think that's a  
7 legitimate concern.

8 HEARING OFFICER:

9 Thank you Ms. Vice. Is there anybody else  
that  
10 lives within two miles who'd like to speak before I  
11 move on to the next category?

12 (No response.)

13 Is there anybody who works within two miles of  
14 radius of the location of the facility who like to speak?

15 (No response.)

16 Okay. I'm going to move on to the next  
17 registered speaker, Ms. Wilma Supra.

18 MS. WILMA SUPRA:

19 Good evening. My name is Wilma Supra. I'd  
20 like to thank DEQ for giving the community and  
21 Vermilion Parish a chance to comment on what is being  
22 proposed for the landfill.

23 As you said in your opening remarks, the  
public  
24 hearing being held tonight is for the DEQ to receive  
25 comments on modification number eight to the

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1 Vermilion Parish landfill permit. Vermilion Parish

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Police Jury has requested a permit modification to expand existing Subtitle D cell airspace by lining the side slopes above grade and increasing the overall height of the landfill.

However, there are some problems. The first one is a lack of notice to the public concerning the actual permit modification status. While the public hearing provides an opportunity for the public to provide comments on the proposed permit modification, the LDEQ failed to include information in the public notice itself that the request of modification had already been constructed prior to issuance of the public comment period notice, and the modification was granted the right to be used during the public comment period.

On March the 30th of 2006, Seller's and Associates and Associates, on behalf of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury, requested from DEQ an exemption for early construction of the slope tie-in liner system of modification number eight. On June the 17th of 2006, DEQ granted the exemption request for early construction of the tie-in liner system. On May 18th, 2007 -- May 18th of this year, Seller's and Associates, on behalf of the Vermilion Parish Police

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Jury, requested an emergency exemption to immediately utilize the slope tie-in liner system in the existing Subtitle D cell. The request was submitted during the public comment period for modification eight, and on May 21st, three days later, DEQ issued the Vermilion Parish Police Jury an approval of the request to

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utilize the slope tie-in liner system. Thus, the permitting determination on the request for modification, while not being officially issued by DEQ, has been constructed and is on operation.

DEQ failed to make the public aware of the actual status of the condition of the permit modification in the public notice. Thus, the public notice process is flawed. There was also a very late notice of this public hearing. According to the notice for the public hearing and request for public comment issued by DEQ for July 19th, 2007 hearing, the publication date for the notice was scheduled to be June 28th of 2007. On the night of July 13th of 2007, the public notice was not yet posted on the LDEQ electronic document management system under AL148, which is the agency interest number. On the late afternoon of July 17th, two days ago, the notice was posted on the EDMS under AL148.

On the morning of July 18th, the next morning,

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I received a letter and the public notice from LDEQ. The letter was dated June 26th, 2007; the envelope was metered June 27th of 2007, yet the letter and notice did not arrive until July 18th, 2007. One day before this hearing.

I'd like to talk a little bit about the uncovered garbage situation. The current permit condition allow for the covering of waste material with shredded garbage on a daily basis, and earth uncover every 14 days. Waste is being dumped in the process area of the landfill prior to shredding. The

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shredding occurs four days out of each week. The shredded waste is then hauled to the landfill space to be used to cover the garbage. That's the conditions of the existing permit. The LDEQ allowed Vermilion Parish to dispose of municipal solid waste, and putridious solid waste, at the landfill in such a fashion that the waste could not be covered without utilizing the surface of the slope tie-in liner system. The inappropriate disposal resulted in the garbage going uncovered for many months; the waste generating odors that impacted the community surrounding the landfill, those are here tonight, and the community complaining of the bad odors.

A comparison of the actual landfill situation

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and the negative uncovered garbage and odor condition, with the information included in the Environmental Effects section of the supplemental information contained in the permit mod request presents a very different situation. The supplemental information states, and I quote, based on the factors now present, it appears that the Vermilion Parish solid waste plant has, to the extent possible, minimized any potential or real adverse environmental effects. The situation that has occurred at the landfill over previous months is unacceptable, and has not met the conditions contained in the statement that the real adverse environmental effects have been avoided to the maximum extent possible. And you heard that from some of the residents surrounding the landfill.

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When you did your introduction, you talked about the Environmental Assessment Statement. The public notice also issued by DEQ for the public comment period of mod eight referenced the Technically Complete Solid Waste Application. The public notice issued by DEQ for the public hearing and request for public comment referenced the Technically Complete Solid Waste Permit Mod and the associated Environmental Assessment Statement;

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totally different from the first public notice. The associated Environmental Assessment Statement was not even referenced in the notice for the public comment period. So in review of all correspondence concerning this permit mod eight, since the initial application was submitted in October 2004, does not include the presence of or request for an Environmental Assessment Statement.

A review of the Technically Complete Solid Waste Application indicates the presence of a cover page addressing responses to Part 523, Part 3, additional supplemental information, followed by five pages entitled additional supplemental information. Now to the uninitiated, there is no way to identify this additional supplemental information as the Environmental Assessment Statement that you refer to, and that the public notice of the public hearing referred to. In addition, the additional supplemental information appears to be taken from a previous mandatory permit modification document, which has been updated by striking and adding



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information.

The lack of a specific document entitled Environmental Assessment Statement, and the lack of reference in the Environmental Assessment Statement

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during the public comment period, makes this public hearing and the request for public comment process flawed. The lack of an Environmental Assessment Statement must be remedied, and adequate additional time provided for the community to review the Environmental Assessment Statement and provide comments to DEQ.

Then we have the question of suitability of the permit modification process. On June 6th of 2007 during the public comment period, I submitted comments on behalf of the community living around the landfill regarding the LDEQ issuance of an early construction exemption and emergency exemption to utilize the slop tie-in liner system. Before the permit modification was issued, and the failure of DEQ to notify the public of the status of the modification in the public notice.

On July 14th, 2007, I received a response from Dr. Chuck R. Brown dated July 5th. Dr. Brown indicated that Hurricanes Katrina and Rita caused a permitting backlog and indicated that backlog process negatively impacted the permit modification process for months. Remember, it was submitted October 2004, almost a full year before Katrina and Rita visited our shores. In March 2006, the facility

1 requested an early construction exemption to  
2 construct the liner, and DEQ granted the request in  
3 June of 2006. According to Dr. Brown, the solid  
4 waste regulations provide for such requests for those  
5 facilities that have resolved the technical issues  
6 concerning the permit modification. But approval of  
7 the modification is pending on this resolution of  
8 administrative issues; all the technical issues are  
9 taken care of.

10 So on May 8th of 2007, the DEQ deemed the  
11 permit mod to be technically complete and available  
12 for public comment. At this point, the mod had  
13 already been constructed, even though the application  
14 was not technically complete. Ten days later, on May  
15 18th, Seller's and Associates, on behalf of the  
16 Vermilion Parish Police Jury, requested an emergency  
17 exemption to utilize the new slope tie-in liner  
18 system. Three days later, DEQ granted the emergency  
19 exemption. The public comment period on the permit  
20 mod ended June 12th.

21 According to the letter from Dr. Brown, the  
22 Vermilion Parish Landfill, quote, was faced with  
23 crucial operation problems caused by several factors,  
24 including relatively steep slopes and the lack of  
25 sufficient disposal area. As a result, a large

1 portion of the landfill became inaccessible for the  
2 operator to apply soil cover. In addition, the slope  
3 of the waste facing the newly lined and certified  
4 cell was extremely unstable, causing sloughing off of

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the sides, end of quote.

The regional office was bombarded with further complaints from the citizens, some of which are here in the room tonight. The department was faced with two options, either shut down the landfill or allow the facility to rebuild the unstable slope by removing some waste and placing it in the new cell. This hardly describes a landfill with the technical issues resolved and only administrative issues pending.

Dr. Brown stated that the public comment period is over, and that the department will be holding a public hearing, the one we're here for tonight. If, during the public hearing, new information is presented questioning the suitability of the cell, Dr. Brown stated, then the department will reevaluate this modification request and take appropriate action. It appears that the suitability of the cell calls into question both the cell design and operational procedures, as well as decisions made by landfill management and the enforcement and

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regulatory decisions made by DEQ.

The following are some of the questionable issues, the design of the cell that resulted in side slopes that were too steep for the safe covering of waste already deposited on the steep slopes; The design of the cell that allowed waste to be deposited and then not accessible for covering of the waste; the design of the sides of the cell that resulted in extremely unstable sides and sloughing off of the

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sidewalls; the design of the cell that resulted in uncovered putrid garbage being uncovered for long periods of time and resulting in offensive off-site odors; the operational activities that are unable to process due to rainfall events and wet work areas; the operational activities that allow waste to be covered with ground up waste and only would provide once every fourteen days with an earthen cover, and yet the landfill operator cannot cover the waste; the decision by the DEQ that allowed the cell to be constructed and waste to be deposited on the side slopes without consideration of mechanisms that would allow the waste to be covered; the lack of ability to cover the exposed waste, even after being granted an emergency exemption to utilize the tie-in liner area.

On May 21st, 2007, DEQ approved the use of the

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new slope tie-in liner that is the topic of the public comment and public hearing process. More than a month later, June 26th, 2007, the process of covering the waste in the tie-in liner area was still in progress, and I quote, due to exceptionally wet weather over the last month that hindered progress, end of quote.

Based on information presented in the cover progress log provided by the landfill, waste-covering activities were not possible due to rain and our wet conditions 16 days, and interrupted due to rain on four days during a 29-day period between May 29th and June 26th of 2007. That's 69 percent of the days there was no or only partial waste covering

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activities. On June the 26th, 2007 the north and eastern slopes of the tie-in liner cell still had uncovered garbage, and the eastern slope was still very wet. The inability to cover waste speaks to the problems in the design and possibly future problems during rainy weather, and possibly future problems during rainy weather.

The tie-in liner cell to-date has resulted in very steep slopes, deposited garbage not being able to be covered, generation of odors, and presenting safety hazards to the workers. The design, operation

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shortcomings, and regulatory process of this permit mod that we're talking about here tonight needs to be reevaluated and appropriate regulatory action taken before the permit modification moves forward.

The LDEQ has consistently stated that the landfill operators proceed at their own risk as they move forward to construct and operate the modified portion of the landfill prior to issuing of a permit mod. Thus, the problem with the modification, the design and operation, that have become apparent must be appropriately addressed prior to the permit modification process moving forward.

The community requests that once the problems with the permit mods are addressed, the information be provided to the community and comments accepted before the LDEQ finalizes the permit modification process. I have copies of the presentation as well as all the attachments that were referred to. And again, we thank you for having this hearing tonight.

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20 HEARING OFFICER:

21 Thank you, Ms. Supra. Is there anyone else  
who

22 would like to speak?

23 (No response.)

24 Court reporter, can you reflect that Ms. Supra  
25 has handed me a copy of her communication that I have

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1 entered into the record as Exhibit A? Mr. Arabi  
2 would you state your name for the record?

3 MR. BRANDON ARABI:

4 My name is Brandon Arabi. I forgot to say one  
5 thing a while ago. I feel like the fact that the  
6 parish, Vermilion Parish, whoever was responsible to  
7 have a presentation tonight, not having one is a  
8 problem. I think it's -- it kind of goes with the  
9 fact, with the way things are going in our parish  
10 right now as it is, you know. Instead of having a  
11 presentation, showing up here and having an excuse,  
12 or at least an explanation for why things are the way  
13 they are, and just showing up with nothing at all,  
14 it's kind of par for the course. I think if you'd  
15 ask any of the people in my position in the  
16 neighborhood, they would agree with me. I'm  
17 disappointed that there wasn't a presentation  
18 provided by Vermilion Parish. Thank you.

19 HEARING OFFICER:

20 Thank you, Mr. Arabi. Would anybody else like  
21 to speak?

22 (No response.)

23 The department requires this hearing to remain

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open for one hour, so we're going to stay here for 15  
25 minutes, so if anybody changes their mind, you're

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1 more than welcome to come up and we'll hear your  
2 comments. Thank you. Actually, we'll recess until  
3 7:00 o'clock unless somebody wants to come up.

4 We're back on the record. Indicate your name.

5 MS. GLORIA CONLIN:

6 Okay. My name is Gloria Conlin. I live less  
7 than two miles of the solid waste; I live at 11411  
8 Westley Road. And my feeling is that this has,  
9 evidently these problems with the solid waste for a  
10 long time. And we really, the Police Jury, has not  
11 been doing anything about it, evidently.

12 And from what I understand, and I hope I get  
13 it right, the air curtain destroyer has been broken for  
14 I don't know how long, a year or so, I'm just saying.  
15 You know, I don't know if that's a fact or not, since  
16 they haven't put on a presentation tonight.

17 But anyway, if the Police Jurors would quit  
18 being a secret society and go ahead and do the right  
19 thing, the people in that community are not asking  
20 very much. All they want is the health of their  
21 children, and that should be a simple thing. I mean,  
22 the air is not free, evidently, because we're going  
23 to pay for it with our children's health. And that's  
24 all I have to say.

25 HEARING OFFICER:

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1 Thank you. Anybody else? If you would you  
just

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state your name again for the record?

MR. STEPHEN THIBODEAUX:

Stephen Thibodeaux. If I knew that they were doing everything possible that -- I'm not looking to get it shut down. If it was handled right, you know, we can tolerate it more.

But I just became aware that you cover trash with trash. I can't fathom that. They have a high coyote problem in our area. They have animals that - - strays people drop off.

This and from the question of diseases being brought up, you know, there's animals that roam through this at night. If this isn't covered, and you're covering trash with trash, I have a concern about disease. And thank you.

HEARING OFFICER:

Thank you, Mr. Thibodeaux. Once again, would anybody else like to speak? We're going to go off the record. We've got another eight minutes before I can close this officially.

Are there any other comments?

(No response.)

I would like to remind you that the comment period for this Technically Complete Solid Waste

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Permit Modification Application and the Associated Environmental Assessment Statement for the Vermilion Parish Police Jury, Vermilion Parish Solid Waste Plant ends at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, August 20th, 2007.

I have received a total of one exhibit during  
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7 this hearing. If there are no other comments, I  
8 would like to thank you for your attention and  
9 participation in this hearing. Let the record reflect  
10 the time is now 7:00 p.m. This hearing is closed.  
11 Thank you.

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3 This certification is valid only for a transcript  
4 accompanied by my original stamped seal in blue ink on  
5 this page.

6 I, Nicole R. Poirrier, Certified Court Reporter, in  
7 and for the State of Louisiana, as the officer before  
8 whom this testimony was taken, do hereby certify that the  
9 public hearing for the LDEQ, by me upon authority of R.S.  
10 37:2554, did testify and take place on the 19th day of  
11 July, 2007, in Abbeville, Louisiana, as hereinbefore set

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12     forth in the preceding 29 pages; that this testimony was  
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18     interested parties to this litigation, and I am in no way  
19     concerned with the outcome thereof.

20             This 1st day of August, 2007, Lafayette, Louisiana.  
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11     the State of Louisiana, before whom this sworn testimony was  
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